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CO-OPS IMPORTANT TO ARKANSAS

SPEECH OF

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 5, 1999

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, throughout my district and throughout rural America, cooperatives are the lifeblood of communities. Cooperatives are made up of groups of people who work together to produce results above and beyond what any one member could accomplish alone. Cooperatives embody the characteristics of hard work, economic liberty, interdependence, and togetherness that have defined American business and society throughout history.

In the 1st District of Arkansas, cooperatives provide electricity, farm supplies, and other services and products to residents. These businesses generate economic activity that fuels local economies, while providing savings to local citizens.

For years co-ops have provided great benefits to farms across Arkansas by selling fertilizer, marketing crops, and performing services that otherwise would be much more expensive. I am proud that cooperatives play such a vital part of the communities in my district. It is very fitting we celebrate co-ops' important contributions by recognizing October as National Cooperative Month.

NATIONAL COOPERATIVE MONTH

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 1999

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important contribution of cooperatives to the economic health of the nation. October, after all, is National Cooperative Month. Cooperatives represent economic opportunity for nearly 40% of Americans who are members of a cooperative. Cooperatives come in many forms—rural electric, agriculture, telephone, credit unions, consumer co-ops and more.

This year commemorates the 155th anniversary of the cooperatives as we know them today. In 1844, the Rochdale Society of Pioneers in England formalized cooperative activity by writing down their principles and practices. These principles and practices are the basis of today's cooperative enterprises, which serve more than 600 million people in every country in the world.

In the United States, about 30 percent of farmers' products and farm supplies in the United States are marketed through cooperatives. Rural electric cooperatives operate more than half of the electric distribution lines in the United States and provide electricity for more than 25 million people. Consumer-owned and controlled cooperatives pioneered prepaid, group-practice health care. Today cooperative health-maintenance organizations (HMOs) provide health-care services to more than one million Americans. Moreover, credit unions have more than 63 million members and assets in excess of \$100 billion.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

In my home state of Wisconsin, 2.9 million citizens depend on more than 800 cooperatives to market and supply agriculture products, as well as to provide credit, electricity, telephone service, health care, housing, insurance, and numerous other products and services. Cooperative businesses employ approximately 20,000 Wisconsin residents. Cooperatives provide hundreds of millions of dollars in annual economic activity in Wisconsin and pay millions of dollars annually in taxes.

Cooperatives have a rich history in my home state, with Wisconsin being one of the first states in the nation to enact a law authorizing cooperatives in 1887. A young woman—Anne Pickett—started Wisconsin's first dairy cooperative in 1841, pooling milk from neighborhood farms, processing it into our state's world class cheese and shipping it to the "big city" of Milwaukee for sale.

In addition, the nation's cooperative marketing of livestock had its beginnings in Wisconsin during the 1920s, when local livestock shipping associations organized at rail points to ship livestock to a terminal market.

Mr. Speaker, cooperatives are owned by their members who come together to meet their common economic, social, and cultural aspirations through a jointly owned and democratically controlled enterprise. Member-owned cooperatives elect a board of directors who determine its management structure and direction. Cooperatives are everywhere, helping people meet their common needs through group effort.

Like everything else in today's world, cooperatives are changing to meet today's challenges. During this Month, let us pay tribute to the important role that cooperatives have played in the tremendous economic success of our nation.

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESS OF
EMILY COLE

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 1999

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Emily Cole, principal of Jefferson Davis High School in Houston, Texas. Ms. Cole has been principal of Jefferson Davis High School for the last 11 years and has been an educator for 34 years. As a Jeff Davis graduate, I am especially proud to join in paying tribute to her.

Emily Cole earned a BA and M.Ed from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. Ms. Cole was the first in her family to earn a college degree. Education has always been a major part of her life. She has worked as a teacher in several elementary schools in Texas, as the associate director of the Teacher Corps at the University of Houston, and as an assistant principal and principal in Houston public schools.

Ms. Cole has spent her career working tirelessly on behalf of all children. She has always promoted what was best for school children, never forgetting that their best interest was her driving force.

During her tenure at Jefferson Davis High School, Emily Cole has made many improve-

ments. The number of seniors receiving scholarships has increased, TAAS scores have risen, the dropout rate has decreased and the number of graduates has grown.

In addition, Ms. Cole has used Project GRAD (Graduation Really Achieves Dreams) to increase the number of college-bound students at Jefferson Davis High School. Project GRAD was started 10 years ago by Jim Ketelsen, former Tenneco chief executive officer, as a scholarship program. It now provides a comprehensive college-preparatory curriculum to students beginning in the elementary grades. Before the program was started at Jefferson Davis High School, only 20 graduates per year went to college. In 1998, 110 Davis graduates enrolled in college.

American historian and writer Henry Adams once stated that "a teacher affects eternity; he can never tell when his influence stops." For Emily Cole, the lives she has touched over her many years in the education field will ensure that her influence carries on far into the future.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the career of one of Texas' education heroes as principal of Jefferson Davis High School. Ms. Cole, we wish you well.

RECOGNIZING DR. EARL F.
SKELTON

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 6, 1999

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I wish to recognize the outstanding achievements of Dr. Earl F. Skelton, who recently retired from the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) after 32 years.

Dr. Skelton has made tremendous contributions to science through his research and teaching. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Physics from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1962 and received his Ph.D. in Physics in 1967 from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

A leader in scientific research, Dr. Skelton has served in many research positions. From 1961–1962, he served as Research Physicist at Benet Weapons Laboratory. In 1967, Dr. Skelton served as Research Associate at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and as a National Research Council Postdoctoral Associate at NRL. He was a Research Physicist at NRL from 1968–1976. In 1978, Dr. Skelton worked in the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, Japan, as Liaison Scientist for the Office of Naval Research. After returning to the United States, Dr. Skelton served as an Associate Member with the Laboratory for High Pressure Science at the University of Maryland from 1977 to 1980. The following year, he was a Visiting Scholar in the Stanford University Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory. Additionally, Dr. Skelton was a Research Affiliate from 1982 through 1986 for the Hawaii Institute of Geophysics. Dr. Skelton served as the Supervisory Research Physicist at the Naval Research Laboratory from 1976 until his recent retirement in September 1999.

In addition to his many research positions, Dr. Skelton also worked in a variety of academic positions at several accredited institutions. From 1968 through 1973, Dr. Skelton

lectured in Physics for Prince George's Community College. He also served as an Associate Professional Lecturer at George Washington University for five years. From 1975 to 1980, Dr. Skelton was a Graduate School Lecturer at the University of Maryland. Since 1972, Dr. Skelton has been a National Research Council Postdoctoral Advisor at NRL. He has also been a Professorial Lecturer at George Washington University since 1979. Currently, Dr. Skelton is the Adjunct Professor of Engineering in the School of Engineering and Applied Science at George Washington University.

Throughout Dr. Skelton's career, he has received many honors and awards in science. He was awarded seven Research Publication Awards from the NRL since 1977. In addition, Dr. Skelton received the U.S. Navy Technology Transfer Award and the Pure Science Award from the Society of the Sigma Xi. He was elected to the Users' Executive Committee at both the Brookhaven National Laboratory and Stanford University. In 1980, Dr. Skelton was elected Fellow by the American Physical Society. He also received the Yuri Gagarin Satellite Communication Award and Medal.

Dr. Skelton authored or co-authored over 300 publications, and he has been awarded five patents for his research findings. Dr. Skelton has also organized and led a multinational team to create a new beam line at the National Synchrotron Light Source at Brookhaven National Laboratory.

In addition to his scientific findings and teachings, Dr. Skelton has researched and written a variety of pieces regarding family genealogy and other topics. He has published 13 non-technical publications and received the Best Writing Award from the National Genealogical Society.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Earl F. Skelton, has been a significant leader in scientific research for many years. His expertise and leadership have contributed greatly to the field of science and to future scientists. Dr. Skelton is my cousin, and also a dear friend of mine. I know the House will join me in paying tribute to this outstanding scientist and wishing him and his family—his wife Francesca, his daughter Diana, and his son, Isaac—all the best in the years ahead.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks

section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 1999 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

OCTOBER 12

2 p.m.

Foreign Relations

East Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the Perry Report and North Korea policy.

SD-419

OCTOBER 13

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

SeaPower Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the force structure impacts on fleet and strategic lift operations.

SR-222

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 1507, to authorize the integration and consolidation of alcohol and substance programs and services provided by Indian tribal governments.

SR-485

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine pain management and improving end of life care.

SD-430

10 a.m.

Judiciary

To hold closed hearings to examine Chinese espionage at United States nuclear facilities and the transfer of United States technology to China.

S-407, Capitol

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings on numerous tax treaties and protocols.

SD-419

Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 167, to extend the authorization for the Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council and to authorize construction and operation of a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, New York and Pennsylvania; S. 311, to authorize the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to establish a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs; S. 497, to designate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills"; H.R. 592, to redesignate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills"; S. 919, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor; H.R. 1619, to amend the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act of 1994 to expand the boundaries of the Corridor; S. 1296, to designate portions of the lower Delaware River and associated tributaries as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; S. 1366, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct and operate

a visitor center for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreation River on land owned by the New York State; and S. 1569, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate segments of the Taunton River in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for study for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

SD-366

OCTOBER 14

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings on the lessons learned from the military operations conducted as part of Operation Allied Force, and associated relief operations, with respect to Kosovo; to be followed by a closed hearing (SR-222).

SD-106

Governmental Affairs

Investigations Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the devastating impact that diabetes and its resulting complications have had on Americans in both human and economic terms.

SD-628

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 1218, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue to the Landusky School District, without consideration, a patent for the surface and mineral estates of certain lots; S. 610, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management in Washakie County and Big Horn County, Wyoming, to the Westside Irrigation District, Wyoming; S. 1343, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest land to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery; S. 408, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a former Bureau of Land Management administrative site to the City of Carson City, Nevada, for use as a senior center; S. 1629, to provide for the exchange of certain land in the State of Oregon; and S. 1599, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative sites and other land in the Black Hills National Forest and to use funds derived from the sale or exchange to acquire replacement sites and to acquire or construct administrative improvements in connection with Black Hills National Forest.

SD-366

OCTOBER 15

9 a.m.

Governmental Affairs

Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine quality management at the Federal level.

SD-628

OCTOBER 19

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 1608, to provide annual payments to the States and counties from National Forest System